



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Transportation Supervisors
School Business Officials

FROM: Tim W. Camp, Director
Office of Transportation

DATE: May 1, 2015

RE: Quarterly Fuel Cost Adjusted Permit Rate – Fourth Quarter: May 1, 2015-July 31, 2015
The Fuel Cost Adjusted School Bus/Boat Per Mile Permit Rate effective 5/1/15 and continuing to at least 7/31/15 is **\$1.46**.

Please review this memorandum for planning purposes. Should a legislative change occur which would affect the following information, we will notify you as soon as possible. In accordance with South Carolina Board of Education (SCBE) policy, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) Quarterly Fuel Cost for the period of May 1, 2015, through July 31, 2015, has been calculated. Effective May 1, 2015, the Fuel Cost Adjusted School Bus/Boat Per Mile Permit Rate will be \$1.46 per mile. The fuel cost adjustment for the past quarter showed a decrease of \$0.21 per mile. Since this change is more than \$0.05 per mile, the SCDE School Bus/Boat Per Mile Fuel Cost Rate will be adjusted. The below table presents the Fuel Cost Adjusted School Bus/Boat Per Mile Permit Rates.

Period	Rate	Permit Rate Adjustment
FY 2014-15 Base Rate	\$1.51	
Quarterly Fuel Cost Adjustments		
November 1, 2014-January 31, 2015	\$1.80	\$-0.0602
February 1, 2015-April 30, 2015	\$1.67	\$-0.1300
May 1, 2015-July 31, 2015	\$1.46	\$-0.2100

In a communication dated February 18, 2011, districts were advised of the FY 2011-12 school bus/boat per mile permit base rate of \$1.38. This Fuel Cost Adjusted School Bus/Boat Per Mile Permit Rate reflects an \$0.18 fuel costs per mile increase over fuel costs calculated in the FY 2011-12 Base Rate.

On August 14, 2008, the SCDE notified school districts of the August 13, 2008, SCBE approved amendment to establish a quarterly fuel cost adjustment to the existing SCDE Per Mile Permit Rate. The amending language reads as follows.

The approved Total SCDE Per Mile Permit Rate shall have a fuel cost adjustment applied when the previous calendar year quarter's average fuel cost per mile changes more than five cents (\$0.05). A fuel cost adjustment per mile calculation will be done by the SCDE at the end of each quarter. A fuel cost adjustment will take effect immediately after written notification to the school districts.

The policy adopted by the SBE on May 11, 2005, created a methodology to annually calculate the school bus/boat per mile permit rate. This calculation method was used to establish a per mile permit base rate for FY 2010-11 of \$1.32; that became effective July 1, 2010. Districts were advised of this rate change in a January 25, 2010, memorandum sent to district superintendents.

Based on the fuel cost adjustment methodology, school districts were advised quarterly last year of SCDE calculated School Bus/Boat Per Mile Permit Rate Fuel Cost Adjustments. For FY 2014-15, the fourth quarter's School Bus/Boat Per Mile Permit Fuel Rate Cost Adjustment is \$1.46 and will take effect May 1, 2015, through July 31, 2015.

TWC/bc